

News briefs

AFOSI agent openings

An Air Force Office of Special Investigations recruiting briefing takes place Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the base family support center. Attendees should bring a records review report on individual person (RIP) with them.

Agents are trained to investigate crimes against persons and property, defeat and deter base-level and contract fraud, combat threats to base information systems and technologies, and provide the Air Force counterintelligence support for force protection.

Senior airmen with less than six years time in service, and staff sergeants through master sergeants with outstanding records and fewer than 12 years of military service are eligible. Security forces members in the grades of staff sergeant select through master sergeant are also eligible.

Officers must have less than 12 years total active federal military service and less than six years total active federal commission service to apply. The Air Force Personnel Center must agree to release the officer applicant in order to apply. Visit <http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/osi/crossflow.htm> for details.

For more information on AFOSI special agent duty call AFOSI, Detachment 518, at DSN 452-6291.

Water outage

The Spangdahlem Air Base fitness center experiences a water outage Tuesday from 8 a.m. to noon and all day Wednesday due to water main repairs. Customers are encouraged to plan accordingly.

Commissaries closed

The Spangdahlem Air Base and Bitburg Annex commissaries close for store organization Wednesday.

Immunization clinic services

The 52nd Medical Group immunization clinic provides the following services:

- Routine immunizations, Monday-Thursday from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., and Friday 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Tuberculosis skin testing takes place Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the same hours.

- Yellow fever vaccinations, Friday 1-2 p.m.

- Active-duty only vaccinations, Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Allergy patients must have a consult from a primary care provider to get an appointment for allergy skin testing.

Call the immunizations clinic at 452-8121 for more information.

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Celebrity status

Master Sgt. Prince Valair, 81st Fighter Squadron production superintendent, autographs a young Slovak's arm at the 2nd Air Base, Kuchyna, Open House July 28. Organizers said more than 10,000 people attended the event, which showcased several aerial demonstrations and static display aircraft, including Spangdahlem AB A-10s. The 81st FS deployed to Slovakia July 19 for a weapons training deployment.

Wing POL troops in Slovakia meet deployed fuels challenge

By Staff Sgt. Cindy York
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

2ND AIR FORCE BASE KUCHYNA, Slovakia – When most people go to the filling station to top off their vehicles, it's doubtful there's even a thought about which additives are in the gas. But, the three petroleum, oil and lubricants airmen deployed here to support the 81st Fighter Squadron have to think about what goes into jet fuel.

For them, it's not a matter of driving the fuel truck up to the aircraft and filling it up. In fact, the jet fuel that's purchased here, PL-7, has to be upgraded to JP-8. At Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, where the three are stationed, it's much easier. The fuel is purchased as JP-8.

When the trucks here are empty, the process to upgrade the fuel

starts. As it is pumped from the tanks, the jet fuel goes into a Hammond Additive Injector Cart, which is loaded with additives. From the injector, the fuel is pumped into the trucks. However, it still can't be pumped into the jets. Several samples must be taken to ensure the fuel meets standards, said Staff Sgt. Matthew Brooker, senior fuels resource controller and accountant for the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

In addition to the challenge of ensuring fuel standards are met, POL troops here have to contend with a language barrier between their unit and Slovakian air force fuels troops, said Staff Sgt. Thomas Wise, 52nd LRS fuels terminal supervisor.

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Spang tests Air Force virtual out-processing initiative

New computer-based Air Force program created to eliminate excess steps in PCSing preparations

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

In an effort to improve quality of life by streamlining base processes, Spangdahlem Air Base is one of four bases worldwide to test the Air Force's new virtual out-

processing initiative.

Throughout August, select wing families moving back to the United States will test a customized database system online with four base squadrons. The system is designed to eliminate

unnecessary steps when completing the out-processing checklist, said Capt. Ronald Ruppel, 52nd Military Personnel Flight relocations and employments chief.

Although, once perfected, the program may reduce the amount of time it typically takes to complete out-processing paperwork, the point of the program isn't for troops to PCS faster. Base reporting dates will still apply.

"The intention of the program is to speed up the processes and make it easier for Air Force members and base agencies," Ruppel explained. "Hopefully, it'll make the process run more smoothly."

Under current out-processing methods, base members must hand-carry a hardcopy checklist to various base agencies to

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Accidents

By John W. Keeler
52nd Security Forces Squadron Reports and Analysis

Fifteen Team Eifel members experienced vehicle accidents in the past week, two of which were major.

The first accident happened on Wittlicher Strasse in Binsfeld. A military family member attempting to cross traffic while negotiating a left turn onto Wittlicher Strasse struck the rear of a local national's vehicle driving in the opposite lane. A Wittlich Polizei investigation revealed the American driver looked both ways before he proceeded to turn left, but didn't see the other vehicle on the road. The investigation is still pending. The local national sustained whiplash from the accident, but refused medical attention. The American's vehicle sustained side rear damage. The German's vehicle sustained front-end damage.

The second accident took place in Trier, near the Ratio store. A family member was driving in the right lane of a four-lane road when she decided to move her vehicle to the center lane. As she glanced over her left shoulder, she turned the vehicle into the left and was struck by a local national's vehicle. The local national's passengers suffered shock-related symptoms. The American driver reported no injuries, but her vehicle sustained damage to the left front quarter-panel. The other vehicle sustained left-side damage.

The 13 minor accidents involved:

- One from backing.
- Ten from inattentive driving.
- Two for speed too fast for conditions.

In addition, 38 citations were issued.



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Free stuff

Buechel Air Base military family member, Kimberly Smith, looks for clothing for her toddler during grab-bag Thursday at the Spangdahlem Air Base Airman's Attic. Volunteers Jacinta Shelton, Twyla Cantrell and Susan Vaughn stock donations on the racks and shelves. The Airman's Attic offers Eifel military community members a place to donate and find free used clothing, children's toys, electronics, books and household goods in good condition. The Spangdahlem AB branch is open Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located in the family support center, building 307. Call 452-6143 for details. The Bitburg Annex branch is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is located in building 2001. Call 452-9424 for more information.

Fuels



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Staff Sgt. Matthew Brooker, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, runs a fuel system icing inhibitor test on jet fuel in Slovakia.

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"We work really well together. With their very limited English and hand gestures, we find common ground and are able to figure it out," Wise said. "Anything we need, they help us. We've really established a good rapport with them."

Though there sometimes is a problem with communication, it's clear the Slovaks like what they see. Wise, Brooker and Staff Sgt. Kevin Miller, 52nd LRS fuels resource controller, were asked to star in an informational video, filmed by the Slovaks, showing U.S. Air Force fuels procedures.

While the trio promised to make time for a few minutes of fame, preparing and refueling up to six A-10s three times a day can get pretty busy. Still, the three said they enjoy "getting back to the basics." None of them have driven trucks and refueled aircraft consistently for about two years, because their experience is needed in other areas of POL.

"Driving the truck is a good place for airmen to start out and get some experience and knowledge under their belts," Brooker said. "I haven't done this in a while, so I'm enjoying myself."

"It's a good break - it's nice to get out and get my hands dirty a little bit," Miller said. "Plus, we've really got a great team here. Instead of half a squadron relying on 60 or 70 fuels troops, they're relying on three. And, at the end of the day, the jets have flown and are filled and ready to go for the next day. That's our contribution."

Virtual

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ensure they don't owe money or equipment before being cleared to move. With virtual out-processing, out-bound assignments will load the names of people slated to PCS into a database. Base agencies, such as the library, will then be able to log into the PCS list and check the names of people slated to PCS for items owed and clear members online who don't owe loaned materials.

The test phase isn't to test whether the Air Force is going to use the program or not, according to Ruppel. It's to give commands the opportunity to try out the program, work out some of the bugs and customize it to meet base needs.

For Spangdahlem AB, getting the program ready for testing has been the special tasking of a military personnel center team for the past month. Team members have had to link the program to the various base agencies included in the test and to download names of families qualified to participate in the test into a customized database.

According to Mischell Navarro, Headquarters USAF First Look program director, although its still in the test phase, virtual out-processing is here to stay. Additionally, the program aligns perfectly with the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander's First Look initiatives.

"First Look is the mechanism with which to look at leveraging the Web and using automated processes to streamline mechanisms within USAFE," she said. "Our end goal is to eliminate all unnecessary steps wherever we can by implementing technology so the member doesn't have to go to that location."

Technological advances, as well as a positive outlook on such advances, have paved the way for making such computer-based programs become a reality, said Navarro. But, members who don't have "mil" computer access on the job needn't feel left out.

"Those individuals who don't have access at work, can use computers set aside at base support centers, such as the library and family support center," Navarro suggested.

Other bases testing virtual out-processing are Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; Nellis AFB, Nevada; and Kadena Air Base, Japan. The test phase at these bases ran through July. The program is scheduled to come online worldwide beginning in the new year.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Bonnie White

Senior Airman Marequis Simion, 81st Fighter Squadron Aircrew Life Support technician, inspects an A-10 pilot's helmet headphones for wear and tear. Properly operating headphones are essential for the pilot to communicate with other aircraft and flight control personnel.



Above, Airmen Michael DeSantis and Joseph Reppert, 22nd FS Aircrew Life Support technicians, inspect the condition of two F-16 pilot torso harnesses. The harness is critical to the pilot's safety because it's connected to the personal recovery chute.



Staff Sgt. Michael Gall, 23rd FS Aircrew Life Support technician, conducts an installation inspection of a personal recovery chute. Gall checks the safety and reliability of the parachute, which will later be installed in an F-16 ejection seat.

52nd FW Life Support

Equipping pilots for survival in air or on ground

Compiled with staff reports

U.S. Air Forces in Europe officials recently named the 52nd Fighter Wing Life Support unit the best in command for 2001.

Wing life support team members garnered the top-level honors for providing outstanding mission support while improving troop professional development. Additionally, the unit supported more than 30 deployments throughout the year. There is no Air Force level life support unit award.

Spangdahlem Air Base life support comprises of members from the wing's three fighter squadrons and the 52nd Operations Support Squadron.

In 2001, life support technicians helped ensure mission success by providing deployed support for Operations Northern and Southern Watch, and Enduring Freedom. Additionally, members deployed for training exercises such as Anatolian Eagle in Turkey, Red Flag in Nevada and SIRIO-01 in Spain.

Only one of its many accomplishments, the 22nd Fighter Squadron life support team responded to a short-notice tasking to support Operation Enduring Freedom in October. Within 48 hours, technicians reconfigured eight aircraft and 12 pilot's flying equipment for wartime operations.

While deployed to Operations Southern Watch, 23rd FS life support members configured, loaded and tested 150 new combat survival radios in addition to completing its daily mission. Also, in anticipation to future deployment needs, the section created two bare-base life support pallets especially for short-notice deployments.

The 81st FS life support team was the first in U.S. Air Forces in Europe to transition to the advanced aircrew eye and respiratory protection system. Members converted \$100,000 of equipment, certified four technicians and trained 42 pilots in eight days to meet mission needs.

Operations support squadron technicians contributed to wing life support unit success by establishing quick-reference checklists, which were adopted for command-wide use. The lists provide aircrew, in a downed survivor situation, with vital operator's communication guidance to refer to during in the high-stress environment.

Other accomplishments to the unit's merit include workshop and tool upgrades, which add to unit proficiency and successful base unit operation despite manning shortages resulting from deployment demands.



Staff Sgt. Chris Kelley, 22nd FS Aircrew Life Support technician, evaluates the contents of a pilot's survival kit. This 180-day periodic inspection ensures the radio, flares, compass and other items a downed pilot would need for survival and rescue are working properly.

Wing NDI team searches out imperfections

Non-destructive inspection members scour parts to ensure structural integrity

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Non-destructive inspections technicians know there's often more to parts than meets the eye. They work as wing detectives who hold each part suspect for discontinuities until its structural integrity is proven.

Whether its during scheduled maintenance or because of a forms write-up, searching for cracks and pits isn't as easy as simply looking at the part. Many, which can cause serious damage to A-10s or F-16s if left unchecked, are under the jet's outer covering or "skin," said Tech. Sgt. Larry Van Iwarden, NDI laboratory superintendent. To get down to the aircraft skeleton and inspect the many rods and straighteners, which make up the aircraft framework, NDI technicians use five inspection methods. Magnetic particle, florescent penetrant, radiographic, eddy current and ultrasonic testing reveals what can't be seen by the naked eye.

"The last thing a maintainer wants to do is to take an engine apart to repair it and have it crack later," Van Iwarden said.

Many of the parts NDI technicians inspect and repair come from 81st Fighter Squadron A-10s, which are composed mostly of steel and often can be repaired with a spot weld, Van Iwarden said. The F-16s composite metal structure poses a different challenge and parts are often inspected, but not as easily repaired.

Technicians also inspect aircraft oil for evidence of potential problems. Spectrometric Oil Analysis Program and Scanning Electron Microscope Energy Dispersive X-rays reveal various chemical deposits in aircraft oil, which are often a tell-tale sign of parts damage or other engine trouble. For example, high silver and magnesium deposits in the oil, revealed by a SOAP inspection, may mean the gear box needs work, said Airman 1st Class Renard Sanders, NDI lab technician. The electron microscope helps Raytheon Aerospace Corporation contracted employee Jessica Dodge keep a watch for M-50 or other minute particles in the oil, which may foretell F-16 engine failure.

The lab's eight technicians inspect an average of 30 aircraft components and other parts weekly. The team also performs about 240 SOAP and SEM/EDX analyses throughout the week. Inspection numbers rise considerably after deployments because scheduled maintenance is put on hold until the aircraft return to the base, Van Iwarden said.

Using scientific methods, the NDI lab team proves the structural integrity of aircraft components and helps the wing complete its mission by detecting potential cracks in seemingly solid evidence.



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Airman 1st Class Nikki Patterson, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron Non-Destructive Inspections laboratory technician, inspects an X-ray and circles cracks found along the ribs of an A-10 pave-penny pod. X-raying large aircraft parts is one method of inspecting them for internal damage without having to remove the outer covering, which can save days of work.



Staff Sgt. Kimberly Drake

Above, a magnetic particle inspection reveals cracks in a truck axle by making them appear green under a blacklight. After the part is magnetized, a florescent liquid containing magnetic particles of the opposite pole are applied to the part. When the opposite poles attract, the cracks glow. Right, Airman 1st Class Renard Sanders, NDI lab technician, performs a Spectrometric Oil Analysis Program inspection to analyze mineral deposits in aircraft oil and identify possible areas for maintenance.



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

STO guide provides instruction for base attack survival

By Tech. Sgt. Glenn Shelton
52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles designed to prepare 52nd Fighter Wing members for the base's upcoming Local Salty Nation exercises and Operational Readiness Inspection slated to begin in September.)

Whether its war- or peacetime, military bases are subject to attack. Before, during and after such attacks, wing members may have to perform a number of critical tasks necessary to base survival and operations restoration. This process is commonly called Survive to Operate or "STO" and base members are key players.

Many required wartime tasks can be found in the Airman's Manual (Air Force

Manual 10-100) and in U.S. Air Force Ability To Survive and Operate Procedures in a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Environment (Air Force Handbook 32-4014 V4.) Everyone plays a part and once threats are identified, specific pre-attack actions must begin.

Depending on the threat, actions may include facility hardening, blackout procedures and M8 detector paper placement. Members may also receive M291 and M295 decontamination kits, nerve agent antidote kits or antibiotics. Additionally, critical resources are often dispersed to include base members. Dispersing key equipment and personnel helps ensure survivability of some base resources.

Another way commanders protect wing

resources is ordering members to take cover in protective shelters or bunkers. Also, covering equipment protects it from high explosives, fragmentation and NBC agents.

If the threat is from a conventional attack, members may be required to wear Kevlar helmets and flak vests. If NBC weapons are expected, members must also wear protective ground-crew ensembles. For NBC attacks, members should wear masks and gloves, and then perform buddy checks while remaining under cover until the attack has ended.

Once the attack is over, members should perform post-attack actions such as unexploded ordnance reconnaissance and marking, damage assessment, self-aid and buddy care and chemical agent reporting.

Auditory signals, including alarm yellow, red, black and all clear, ensure everyone is taking appropriate defensive actions. Alarm sounds, with the exception of all clear, are declared over the giant voice or other mass notification systems.

Wing members will hear alarm yellow declared when an enemy attack is probable. Officials declare alarm red when an enemy attack is imminent or in progress. Alarm black indicates the arrival of nuclear fallout, or a biological or chemical vapor cloud, contamination.

Proper STO operations ensure low base casualties and high sortie rates. Ultimately, the goal is to lessen the effects of an attack and to quickly restore flying operations and base defense.



Community Mailbox

Crafters meeting

Local crafters are encouraged to attend a Craft Corner meeting Tuesday from noon to 3 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Children are welcome. Call 06565-958753 for more information.

Home-schoolers meeting

The Eifel-region home-schoolers brunch takes place Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church in Metterich. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share and ideas for the upcoming school year. Children are welcome. Call Kimberly Carpenter at 06565-942675 for more information.

Craft classes

The 52nd Services Squadron offers the following craft classes in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Register at least one week prior at the Craft Corner shop, near the base commissary. Call 452-4141 for details.

■Two-day beginner's scrap booking, Aug. 19 and 26 from 6-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$20, plus supplies.

■Tole painting, Aug. 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus cost of wood.

■Intermediate journaling, Aug. 21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$20, plus supplies.

■Beginning embossing, Aug. 30 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

The following classes take place in Bitburg Annex building 2002.

■Basket weaving, Aug. 20 from 5-9 p.m. Cost is \$25, plus \$15 for supplies.

■Tole painting, Aug. 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus cost of wood.

Children's theater

Missoula children's theater auditions take place Monday at 10 a.m. in the base community activities center for "The Wiz of the West." Students in kindergarten through grade 12 and a pianist are encouraged to try out for the play. Some cast members must stay for rehearsal following auditions. The performance takes place Aug. 10 at 5 p.m. in the center. Also, a free children's workshop, focusing on theatrical fundamentals, takes



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Getting framed

Capt. Kristie Cannon, 52nd Services Squadron, tells George Kuss, base frame shop specialist, which frames she'd like for her commissioning certificate and medal citation. The frame shop is located on the second floor of building 189 and is open Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The last order is taken at 4:30 p.m. Call 06565-955980 for more information.

place Tuesday-Thursday from 3-3:45 p.m. Register by Monday in the community center. Call 452-7381 for details.

Youth belly-dancing camp

Youth learn middle-eastern dance Aug. 19-23 in the base community center. Class for children ages 9-12 is from 9-10:30 a.m. and costs \$45 per student. Class is from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. for youth ages 13-18 and costs \$50 per student. Call 452-7381 for details.

Animal vaccinations

The veterinary clinic offers walk-in vaccination services Aug. 15 from 3-6 p.m. in front of the base community activity center. Call 452-9388 for more information.

Education center news

The 52nd Mission Support Squadron education center is located in Spangdahlem Air Base building 192. Call 452-6063 for more information.

■The cut-off date for the fall Community College of the Air Force graduation is Aug.

30. Members close to completing CCAF degree requirements should visit an education center counselor.

■The University of Oklahoma offers intensive-format master's degree courses. Call Al Cannon at 452-7555 or visit the office in Spangdahlem AB building 131, Room 304 for more information.

Spiritual retreat

The Military Council of Catholic Women in Europe spiritual retreat takes place Oct. 6-11 in Willingen, Germany. The theme is, "The Spirituality of Imperfection." The \$250 registration and event fee includes conference materials and speaker sessions. An initial payment of \$50 is due Sept. 1. The remaining \$200 is due Sept. 15. Pick up forms and make payments at the Spangdahlem Air Base Chapel. Call 452-6711 or 452-6281 for more information.

Girl scout camping

"Girl Scouts Sampler" twilight camp takes place August 14-16 from 5-8 p.m. on Spangdahlem Air Base. Early registration takes place now through Aug. 13. The event

is open for girls entering kindergarten through grade 12. Cost is \$10 for registered scouts and \$17 for non-scouting members. Activities include sports, science projects, arts and cooking. Call Kannetha Clem at 06575-903627 or via email at Kannetha_Clem@hotmail.com to register. Camp coordinators also seek volunteers to help with activities. Call Karen Topolosky at 06561-947769 for details.

Youth volunteers needed

The American Red Cross seeks youth volunteers for the summer. Students in grades eight through 12 are encouraged to volunteer at various on-base agencies. Some locations have minimum age requirements. Call the American Red Cross at 452-9440 for more information.

School news

■New students needing transportation to school must register for bus passes at the student transportation office. Sponsors should bring a copy of the school registration form. The office is located in Spangdahlem Elementary School complex building 433. The office is open 8 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 452-5340 or 452-5352 for details.

■Parents who haven't registered students for the new school year should visit the school office to complete the necessary documents.

For more information about the upcoming school year, call Spangdahlem Elementary School at 452-6881, Spangdahlem Middle School at 452-7205, Bitburg Elementary School at 452-9215, Bitburg Middle School at 452-9310 or Bitburg High School at 452-9337.

Family support news

The family support center offers the following classes in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307. Call 452-6894 for more information.

■Pre-separation consultation, Monday and Aug. 12 from 9-10:30 a.m.

■Federal job search, Tuesday from 9-11 a.m.

■German bills made easy, Thursday from 8-9 a.m.

■Money management, Aug. 13 from 6-8 p.m.

■Resume writing, Aug. 14 from 5-7 p.m.

■Sponsor training, Aug. 15 from 3-4:30 p.m.

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Col. Stephen Mueller

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- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To public affairs in building 23.
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Euro-what? Wing plans chief explains newest warfighter concept

Lt. Col. John McDevitt
52nd Fighter Wing Plans and Programs chief

Airmen at Spangdahlem Air Base shouldn't feel alone because they can't explain or have never heard of the term Euro-Lightning. All most people understand is that we're practicing another deployment in order to get ready for an inspection. For the most part, they would be correct.

However, the kicker for Team Eifel is that just as the global threat to freedom has changed, so must warfighters change the way they do business to defeat the new threat.

To defeat the fleeting threat of global terrorism, we have to quickly detect a threat, quickly generate and quickly strike. The quickest way to accomplish that is with airpower.

The airpower of the 52nd Fighter Wing is key to accomplishing this mission through

suppression of enemy air defenses and combat search and rescue. In the middle of the night or in the middle of daily training, we could get called upon to provide light, lean and lethal airpower across the globe on a moments notice — Lightning. Every wing in U.S. Air Forces in Europe will possess this capability — Europe. Put it together and we have Euro-Lightning.

Now that we understand the terms, what does it mean on the flightline, in the back-shop or on the processing line?

It means that every piece of the deployment machine has to click on all cylinders if we expect to destroy a fleeting target. That's why your hard working unit deployment manager is constantly hounding you to update your shots even though you're not in an Air Expeditionary Force "bucket." One

hiccup in the processing line and the entire package is affected. So yes, we are deploying, but we are doing it quicker and with only the equipment and people needed to accomplish a quick-strike mission.

Euro-Lightning is also the way the wing will be evaluated and, as with any "test," there are few adjustments that have to be made to satisfy the USAFE Inspector General's demanding grading criteria.

This isn't the Phase One exercise of the past when we had plenty of warning and a couple of days to get out of town, with the emphasis on the "getting out" part. Now the exercises and inspection require a no-notice generation in minimum time, a deployment of aircraft, a regeneration of the aircraft, and preparation to step for a combat sortie.

A good way to describe it is a

Phase One and one-half. That other half is what is requiring us to stand-up a Base-X structure (Phase Two-like) to clearly demonstrate our ability to complete the mission.

Another new factor thrown into the fray is the potentially increased terrorist threat here at Spangdahlem AB. We have to demonstrate our ability to get the job done even when terrorist activity is taking place in our own backyard. With all of this, our expeditionary combat support units still have to demonstrate their capability to effectively deploy.

So that's Euro-Lightning in a nutshell. It's an operational concept folded into a more realistic way to evaluate combat capability given today's threat. A new way to employ the USAFE Team — a quicker way to deploy Team Eifel — and a lethal result for the threat.

Lets Roll!

Core Values

Excellence means doing right thing

Maj. Geoffrey S. Bacon
52nd Component Maintenance Squadron commander

"Excellence in All We Do" is one of the Air Force's core values. What does it mean and how does it apply to us at the 52nd Fighter Wing?

In the simplest terms, it means, "do the right thing". Your unit and your co-workers count on you to correctly perform your duties at all times. Any other expectation is detrimental to the combat capability of your element, flight, squadron and the wing.

My experience is within aircraft and munitions maintenance and our ability to provide a fully mission capable aircraft, whenever called upon, is critical to the success of the mission. In the bigger picture of the Air Force, the successful accomplishment of any task depends on the ability of individual members to do their part.

In order for the U.S. Air Force to remain the world's premier air and space force, we must strive for excellence in all of our activities. I've often heard senior leaders say, "Go slower to get faster," or "Slow and steady wins the race." While this doesn't make sense literally, the underlying concept ensures we successfully complete our responsibilities, tasks and duties.

It doesn't matter whether you are

checking identification at base's main gate, performing an aircraft pre-flight or mowing the grass around your flight's facilities, if the job is done incorrectly, it can result in wasted time, damage to property, injury to personnel or even loss of life.

This "excellence" can only be achieved by building upon the foundations of the other two Air Force Core Values: "Integrity First" and "Service Before Self". These core values provide us with the "guard rails" of morale aptitude and an overwhelming desire to achieve the excellence required to accomplish the mission.

In my first year at Spangdahlem Air Base, I have been constantly impressed by the successes within the 52nd FW. More than 6,500 personnel are called upon daily to make the mission happen. They complete their jobs with excellence giving strength to the wing's motto of, "Seek, attack, destroy."

When we're called upon to fight the next battle in the war on terrorism, your leaders know the men and women of the 52nd FW are up to the challenge. As noted by Maj. Gen. Michael Wooley, 3rd Air Force commander, during the wing assumption of command ceremony July 22, "The war on terrorism isn't just another mission, it is the mission!"

Lessons learned

Airman tells story of longest day of her life

By Senior Airman Heather Carr
22nd Fighter Squadron

It was the day I was told to remain silent because anything I said could be used against me.

It was the day I was ordered to surrender my Privately Owned Vehicle and Government Owned Vehicle licenses.

It was the day that determined I was getting an Article 15 with an Unfavorable Information File, reduction in rank from staff sergeant to senior airman and that I would be put on a control roster.

It was the day that would lead to my referral enlisted performance record.

It was the day that would determine whether or not I could extend my overseas assignment.

It was the day that would determine that I did not deserve the Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

It was the day I wished I had never left my house, for it is the day that hasn't ended yet.

The longest day of my life was the day I was pulled over for driving under the influence of alcohol and was charged with a DUI.

(Editor's note: Plan ahead and remember that there are options available. If you need a ride home, you can call Airman Against Drunk Driving at 452-AADD, 06565-2233 or 06565-4357, use the First Sergeant's Ride For Life program at 06575-1010 or 0656595-1010 or call your supervisor.

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless indicated. More synopsis information is available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Bitburg Castle**Today***Windtalkers (R)*

During WWII, the Navajo language was used for decoding top-secret messages because it was a code that the Japanese did not have the resources to break. The military was aware of the danger to the Navajo soldiers, so they assigned a Marine to each as a bodyguard. (Violence and language.)

Saturday*Scooby-Doo (PG)*

The Mystery Inc., gang meddle their way into a bona-fide mystery that leads them into murky and possibly supernatural waters. (Crude humor, language and action.)

Sunday*Scooby-Doo***Closed Monday and Tuesday****Wednesday***Big Trouble (PG-13)*

A mysterious suitcase found in the city of Miami brings together and changes the lives of a divorced dad, an unhappy housewife, two hit men, a pair of street thugs, two love-struck teens, two FBI men and a psychedelic toad. (Language, crude humor, sexual material.)

Thursday*Windtalkers***Spangdahlem Skyline****Today***The New Guy (PG-13)*

After a few years of being the "uncool kid," Gill, a high school student gets himself expelled and ends up in prison. His cellmate, Luther, gives him some tips on how to remake his image, so he can start again at a different high school as the "cool kid." (Sexual content, language, crude humor and drug references.)

Minority Report (PG-13, 10 p.m.)

In Washington D.C. in 2054, police use psychic technology to arrest and convict murderers before they commit crimes. The head of this "pre-crime" unit is accused of the future murder of a man he never met. (Violence, language, sexuality and drug content.)

Saturday*Lilo & Stitch (PG, 4 p.m.)*

Animated. Lilo adopts a small ugly dog she names Stitch. Stitch would be the perfect pet if he weren't a genetic experiment who has escaped from an alien planet and crash-landed on Earth. Lilo helps unlock Stitch's heart and gives him the ability to care for others.

Minority Report**About A Boy (PG-13, 10 p.m.)**

Will, a 36-year-old London playboy, seeks relationships with single mothers because he thinks they're more desperate. All his plans go out the window when he becomes emotionally attached to a woman's 12-year-old son. (Language and thematic elements.)

Sunday*Lilo & Stitch (1 p.m.)**Lilo & Stitch (4 p.m.)**About A Boy***Monday***The New Guy***Tuesday***Minority Report***Closed Wednesday and Thursday**

Times and movies are subject to change.
For the most current information,
call 452-9441.

Vianden medieval celebrations features 'knightly' entertainment



A town view of Vianden castle. The stone fortress is built upon an ancient Roman fortification, which is open for visitors to view during self-guided castle tours.

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

People intrigued by tales of knights in shining armor and tall castle towers should check out the Vianden medieval festival, taking place today through August 11.

Throughout the week Vianden castle, which has served as the imposing home of counts in the past, will serve as an open-air stage for the celebrations. Officials claim the festival will be the largest festival in the town's history. The event features past traditions including artistry, music and food.

More than 20 crafts stands, food and artist's booths, and bands will line the streets leading to the hilltop fortress. A knights' camp and medieval banquet are among the event's many highlights.

Tricksters, magicians and other forms of entertainment are scheduled to take place until about 10:30 p.m. daily.

Tonight, castle hosts will welcome guests at the door to a concert featuring medieval music, which will take place in the castle chapel.

The banquet takes place Aug. 10 at 8 p.m. The meal features several courses similar to the banquets of medieval counts and knights.

Guests not dressed in medieval attire, are likely to be dressed by attendants. Call 00352-8341081 to make reservations.

In addition to a rich medieval history, Vianden also offers a photography museums and art exhibitions.

In 1871, the great French writer Victor Hugo spent his voluntary exile at

Vianden. The romantic poet took refuge and meditated in Vianden's wooded surroundings. In 1935, Hugo's house was converted into a museum featuring the writer's manuscripts, furniture and reproductions of his sketchings. A bust of Hugo by Rodin is displayed on the bridge.

The town also sports 150 kilometers of walking trails, a chairlift, a heated outdoor swimming pool, mini-golf, fishing in the Our River and bike tours.

In autumn, the town sponsors the "Nëssmoort" or nut fair. Other celebrations include the "Miertchen" or Saint Martin Fire and "Fuasicht" or carnival.

Vianden's mayor extended a special welcome for Eifel military community members to take part in the town's festivities held throughout the year.



Out and about



(Note: Events are subject to change at short notice. To double-check on an event prior to attending, call the telephone information office at 11833 and ask for a number to the tourist office in the town the event takes place. Tourist office agents, who usually speak English, can say whether an event was canceled.)

■Summer sales take place now through Aug. 10 throughout Germany. Clothes and some household goods can be found at reduced prices. Signs featuring the letters "SSV" stand for "Sommerschlussverkauf," which means end-of-summer sale.

■The Munich Jakobidult festival takes place now through Sunday.

■A wine and street festival takes place in Maring-Neivand today through Sunday.

■A country dance, featuring music by the Ridin Shadows Band and a dance show by the Railroad

Side Dancers and Outriders takes place in Lahn.

■A wine and community festival takes place in Alf today through Sunday.

■A wine festival takes place in Zeltingen-Rachtig today through Monday. A rock and pop concert takes place at 9 p.m. tonight. The 43rd Annual Middle-Mosel public Riesling wine probe begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

■Attend the Eifel's most popular pig-burners festival Aug. 16-19 in Wittlich. More information will appear in the Eifel Times soon.

■The band Truck Stop performs at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Kyllburg GHS Hof. Tickets cost 13 euro when purchased in advance or 15 euro at the door. To make reservations, call 06563-930243. For details, visit www.stadt-kyllburg.de. A fireworks display takes place at 11:30 p.m. in Kyllburg.

■The Trier Olewig wine festival takes place tonight through Monday. A fireworks display takes place tonight from 10:45-11 p.m. Olewig is a suburb of Trier. Follow signs toward the university and Olewig.

■The International Artist, Juggler and Trickster festival takes place in the Koblenz Altstadt now through Aug. 8.

■A German rock music open-air concert starts at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 9 in Oberkail. Tickets cost 8 euro when purchased in advance or 10 euro at the door. Purchase tickets at the Bitburg Wochenstempel office, located on Trierer Strasse 18. Call the office before or after lunch hours at 06561-95800 for details.

■Broadway Filmplast sponsors an open-air movie theater at Trier's Kaiserthermen Roman baths today through Aug. 18.

■The annual Cochem Reichsburg castle festival takes

place Saturday and Sunday.

■A music and wine festival takes place in Piesport Saturday through Monday.

■The St. Goar Hansen festival takes place Saturday through Monday.

■Autofreies Lautertal features a traffic-free bicycling day between Lauterecken and Kaiserslautern Sunday.

■The German-American Friendship Club meets for dinner Thursday at 7 p.m. on the Schweich Yachthafen harbor.

■The Longuich "St. Laurentius" wine festival takes place Aug. 9-12.

■Tritenheim, the wing's partnership community, invites the Eifel military community to their annual "St. Laurentius" festival taking place Aug. 9-12.

■Bitburg's monthly sales market takes place on Bedaplatz Aug. 9.

Lady Sabers take fourth in summer slam tourney

By Richard Aldridge
Lady Sabers coach

The Lady Sabers tuned up for their defense of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Softball Championship by taking fourth place in the annual Summer Slam tournament held in Heidelberg this past weekend.

The tournament opened with an early morning game against rival K-Town. The defense anchored by third baseman Sarena Paulson shut down the normally potent offense from K-Town. However, the offense for the Lady Sabers proved to be its downfall as the team could only muster four base hits in a losing cause. The championship ended with K-Town on top, 7-3.

Throughout the game, Kristen Carrington supplied the only offensive punch for the Sabers, going two for three. Paulson turned in a stellar defensive gem on third base.

Faced with possible championship elimination, the Sabers played Mildenhall. Lady Saber bats came alive and defense, anchored by Paulson, led the team to victory. Kelly Young proved to be the spark for offense as she went three for three to include a base clearing triple in the sixth inning.

Kristen Carrington, Yvonne Nollman and Amy Tenney all chipped in with two for four batting. The Lady Sabers cruised to an easy 14-1 victory.

On Sunday, the Ladies faced Stuttgart's Lady Stallions in a double-elimination tournament.

The Lady Sabers' outstanding defense shut down any threat the Lady Stallions could

muster. Michelle Bolanos and Yvonne Nollman anchored team defense and Monica Horsley and Sarena Paulson sparked the offense, each going three for three with Paulson chipping in four RBIs. The Sabers would go on to win 21-4.

Next up, the Sabers went head to head with Heidelberg. Every meeting of the teams in the past four years had been won by only a couple of runs and in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Led by third baseman Paulson and pitcher Leslie Brandt, the Lady Sabers pushed three runs in the first inning. Once again, Paulson led a tight defense that allowed only eight hits, adding in another six runs.

Solid play by both teams made for one of the best games of tournament, but it ultimately ended with the Lady Sabers as the victors, 8-6.

Immediately following, the team went on to play Wiesbaden. Victory in this game put the Lady Sabers into the semi-finals. Outstanding defense again kept Wiesbaden off the board as the team opened with a four-run lead. Cruising behind tournament standout Paulson and an offense led by Kelly Young, the Sabers seemed ready to move on. However, a disastrous fifth inning sent the Lady Sabers home. Wiesbaden scored six runs using only nine batters to ultimately win the game.

Overall, the Lady Sabers ended up playing the most games of any team in the tournament and finished fourth. The Lady Sabers play again in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe championships at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, in late August. The Spangdahlem Air Base team won the championship last year and is ready to defend its title.



Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Twice as tough

Capt. Alyson Miller, 52nd Services Squadron, and Mika Demings maintain upper-body strength by doing an assortment of pushups, such as the bench push-up shown here, during their regular workout in the Spangdahlem Air Base Skelton Memorial fitness center. People interested in improving their physical fitness can start with a Microfit assessment, which is available by appointment each Tuesday at the center. Call 452-6634 for details.

For fitness and fun

Outdoor recreation sponsors the following trips. Call 452-7176 or visit the shop in Spangdahlem Air Base building 146, near the Mosel Hall dining facility for more information.

■ Paris bike tour, Aug. 9-11. Cost is \$175. Minimum age is 14.

■ Mini-Europe & Ocean water park, Aug. 14. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$25 for children 12 and under.

■ Baltic deep-sea fishing, Aug. 17. Cost is \$70 gear provided, \$60 with own gear. Minimum age is 14.

■ Trout fishing, Aug. 17. Cost is \$25.

■ English-style horseback riding, Aug. 18. Cost is \$45. Minimum age is 14.

■ Teen underground mountain biking, Aug. 20. Cost is \$30.

■ Luxembourg cave rappel, Aug. 24. Cost is \$30. Minimum age is 12.

■ Luxembourg City bike tour, Aug. 25. Cost is \$30 with bike provided, \$25 with own bike. Minimum age is 12.

At Your SERVICE

SPANGDAHLEM Chapel

► Catholic Mass: 11:45 a.m. Wednesday-Friday; 5 p.m. Saturday; and 9:15 a.m. Sunday

► Jewish service each second and fourth Friday at 7 p.m.

► Catholic religious education, 11 a.m. Sunday

► Protestant Sunday worship: 11:15 a.m.

► Protestant Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.

► Korean worship, 1 p.m. Sunday

Commissary

► Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

► Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

► Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

► Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Main exchange

► Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

► Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Child development center

► Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

BXtra (shoppette)

► Monday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-midnight

Gas station

► Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.

► Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

Outdoor recreation

► Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

► Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Airmen's Attic

► Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bowling center

► Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

► Friday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-midnight

► Sunday, noon-9 p.m.

BITBURG ANNEX Chapel

► Catholic Mass: 9:15 a.m. Tuesday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday

► Catholic religious education: 9:45 a.m. Sunday

► Confessions, 10:45 a.m. Sunday

► Protestant Sunday worship: 8:15 a.m. liturgical; 9:35 a.m. contemporary; and 1 p.m. Gospel

► Protestant Sunday school: 11:30 a.m.

Child development center

► Monday-Friday, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Commissary

► Monday, closed

► Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

► Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

► Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Shoppette

► Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Furniture store

► Open daily, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Main exchange

► Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Gas station

► Monday-Saturday, 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

► Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Car care center

► Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

► Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

► Sunday, closed

Airmen's Attic

► Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oberweiss Annex

Pet spa

► Monday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.